



# Citizen Survey 2016

Results Summary

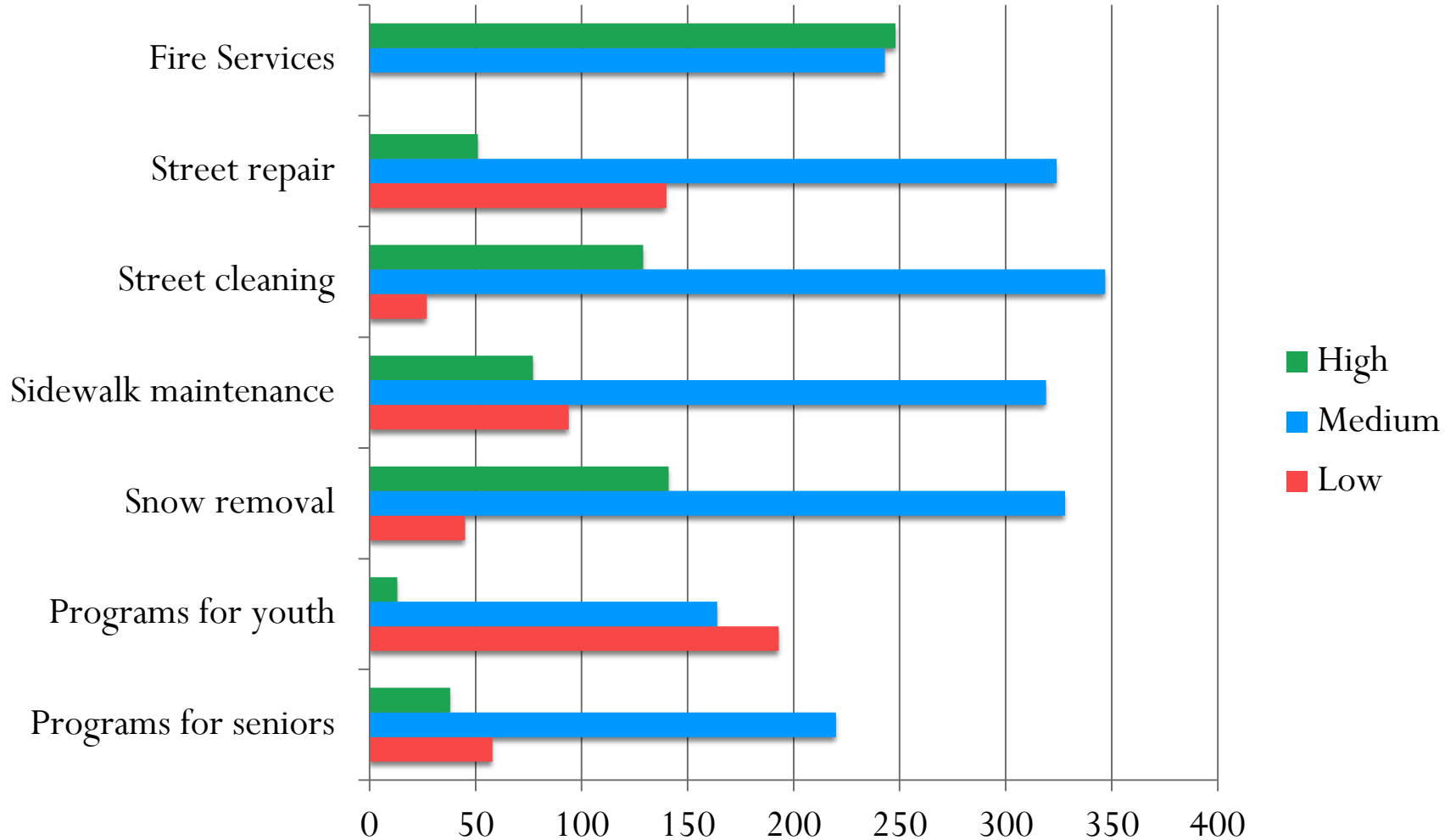
# Demographics

530 Respondents

- $\approx 90\%$  of participants live in Bennington
- $\approx 56\%$  of participants are fully employed
- $\approx 75\%$  of participants have lived in Bennington for over 10 years
- $\approx 78\%$  of participants own their living space
- $\approx 48\%$  of participants earn over \$59,000 a year
- $\approx 65\%$  of participants are over the age of 45
- $\approx 56\%$  of participants are female

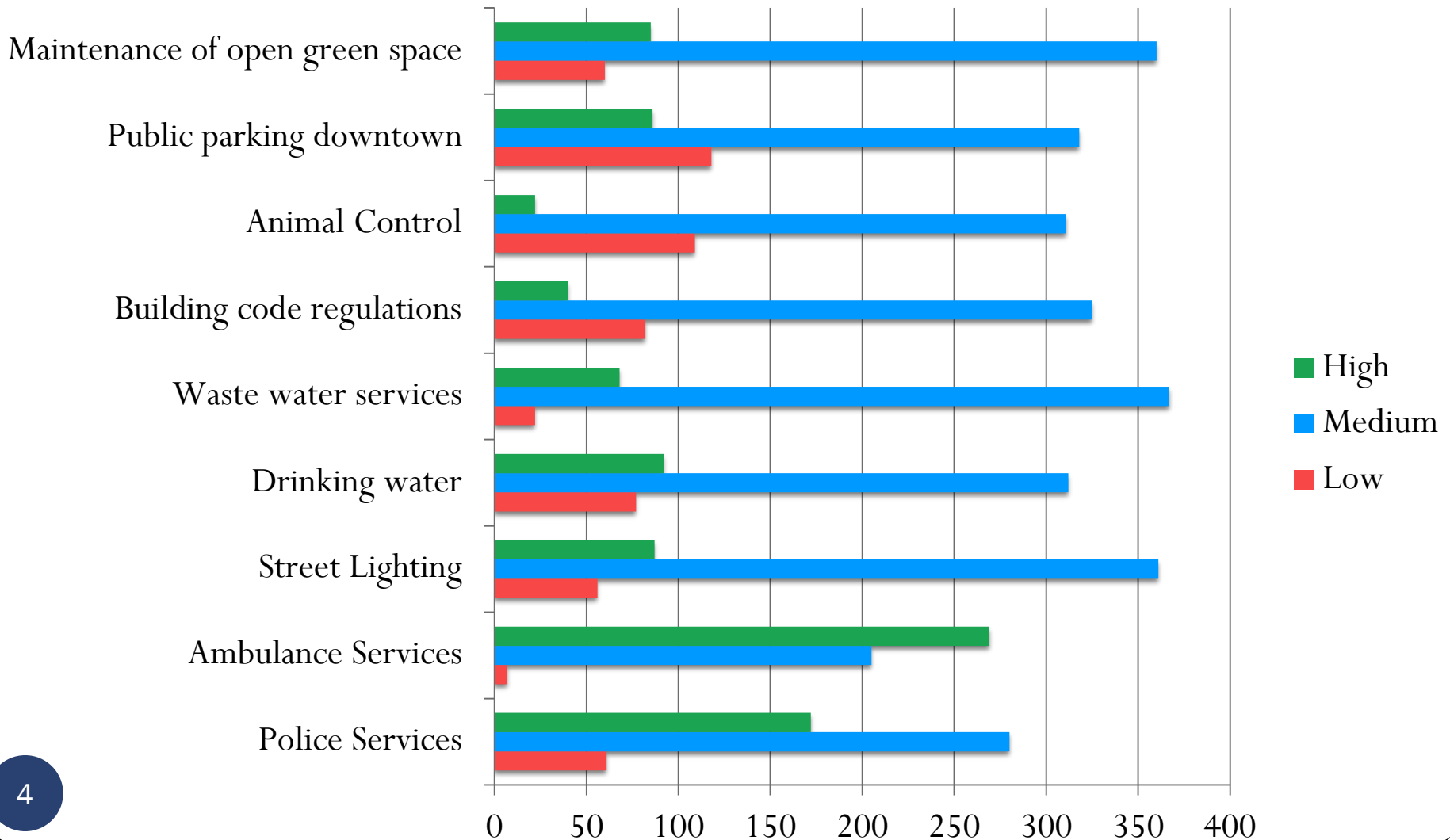
# Municipal services

Rating of services provided by the Town



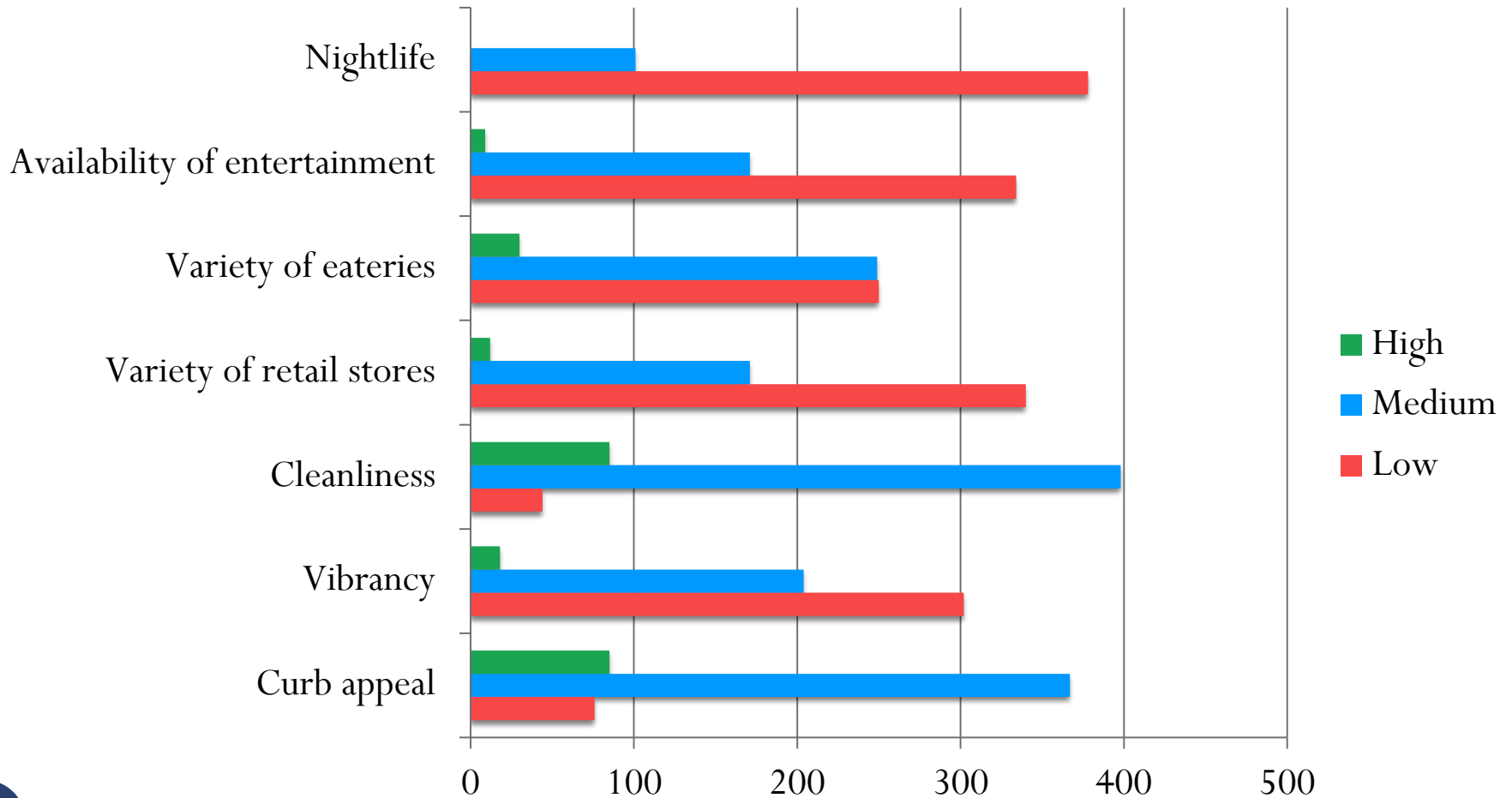
# Municipal services continued

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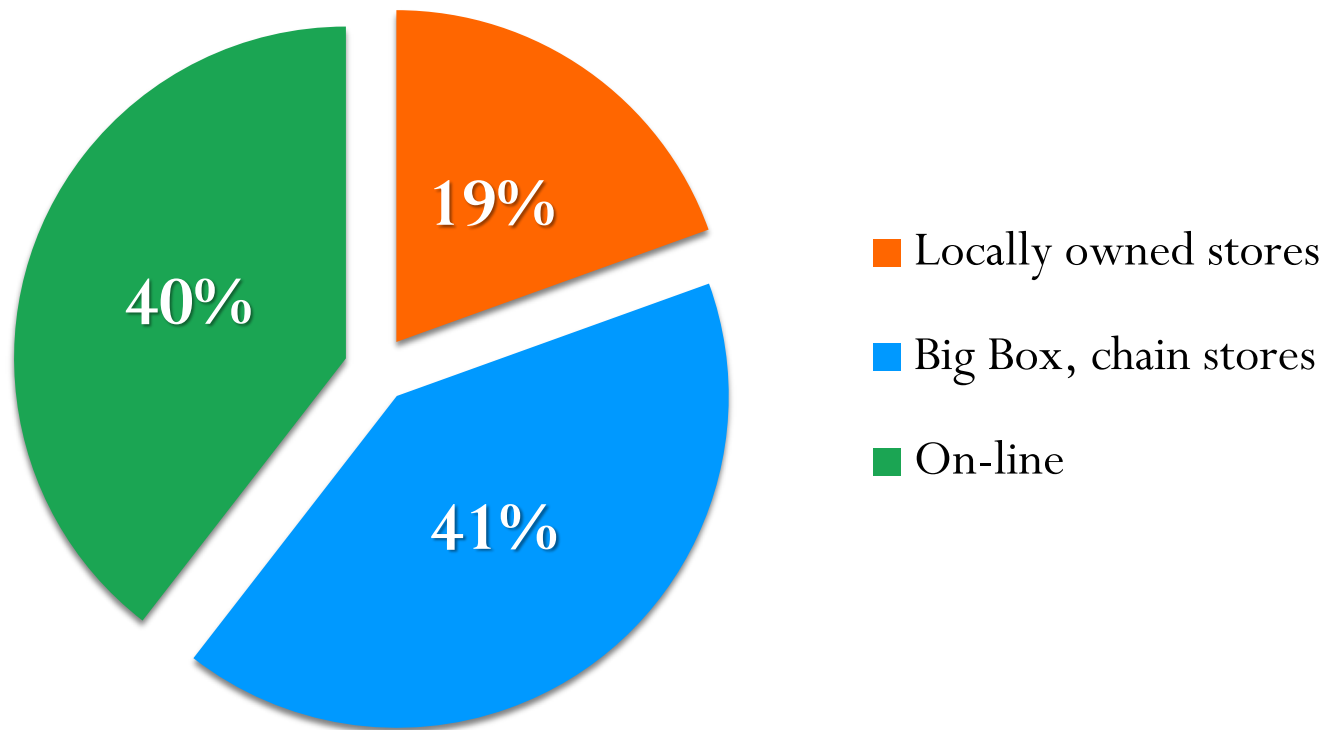
# Downtown Bennington

## Rating of aspects of downtown Bennington



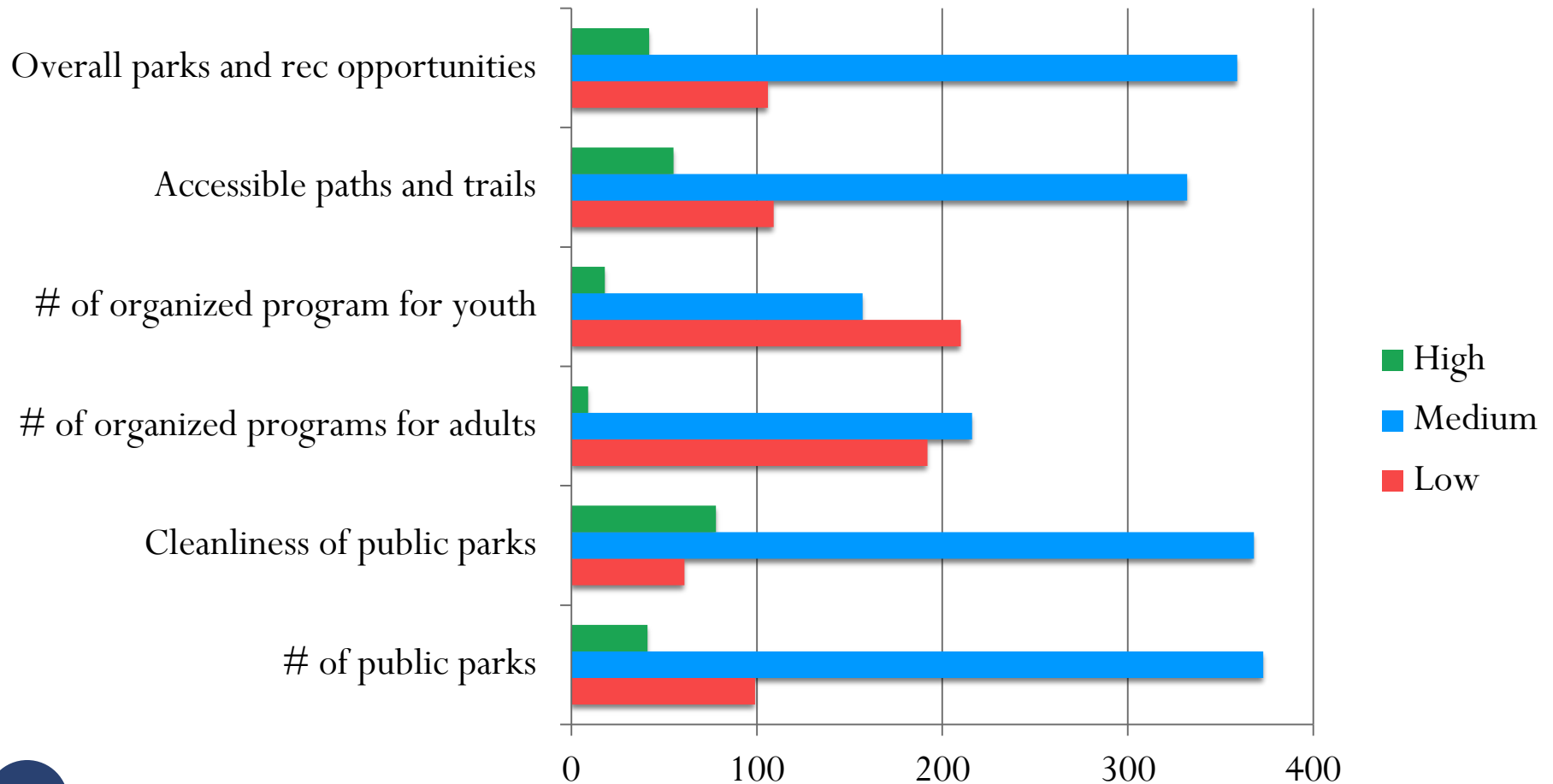
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Where participants shop for most of their merchandise



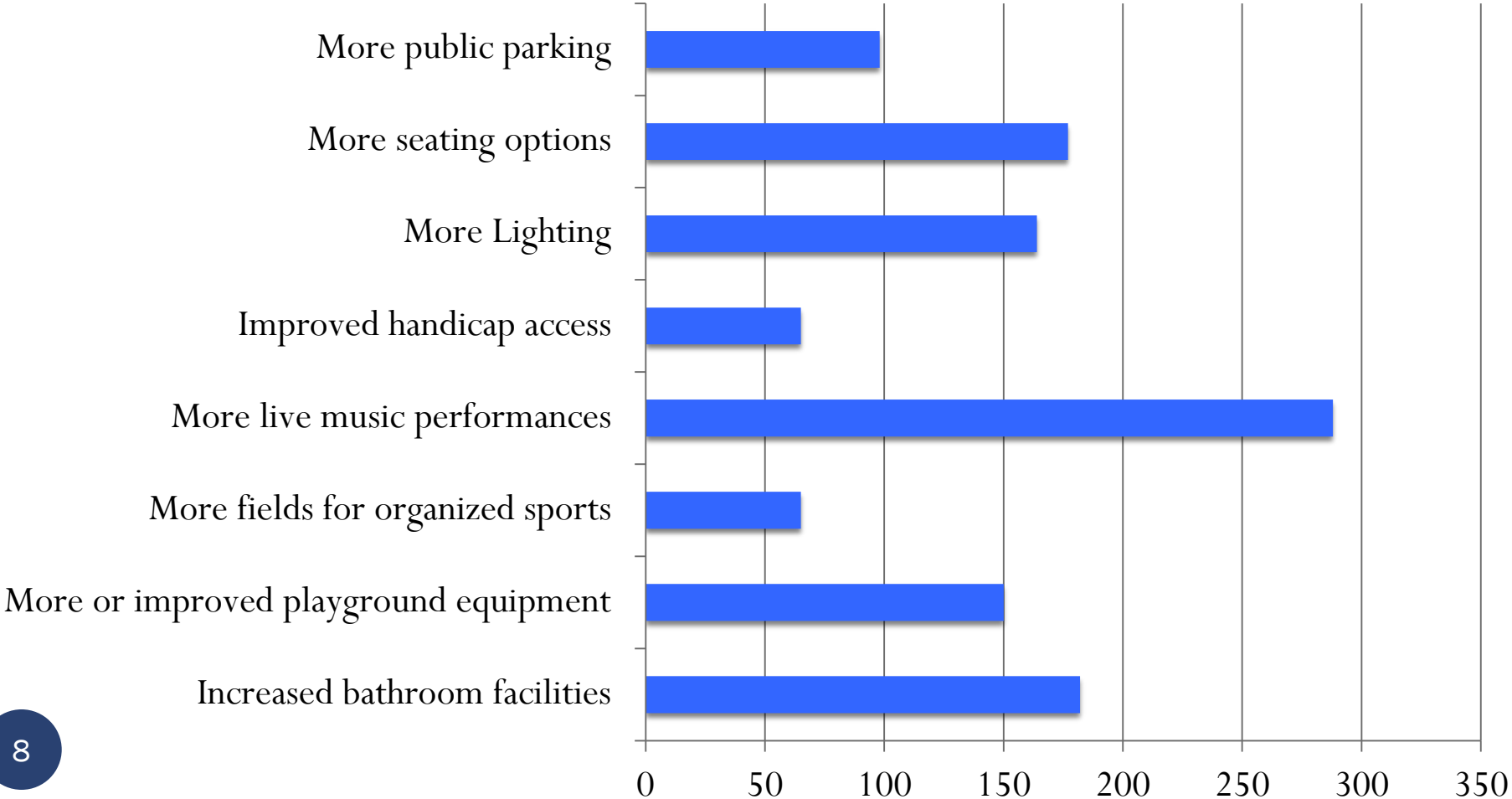
# Parks, Recreation and Community Programs

## Rating of Parks and Recreation opportunities in Bennington



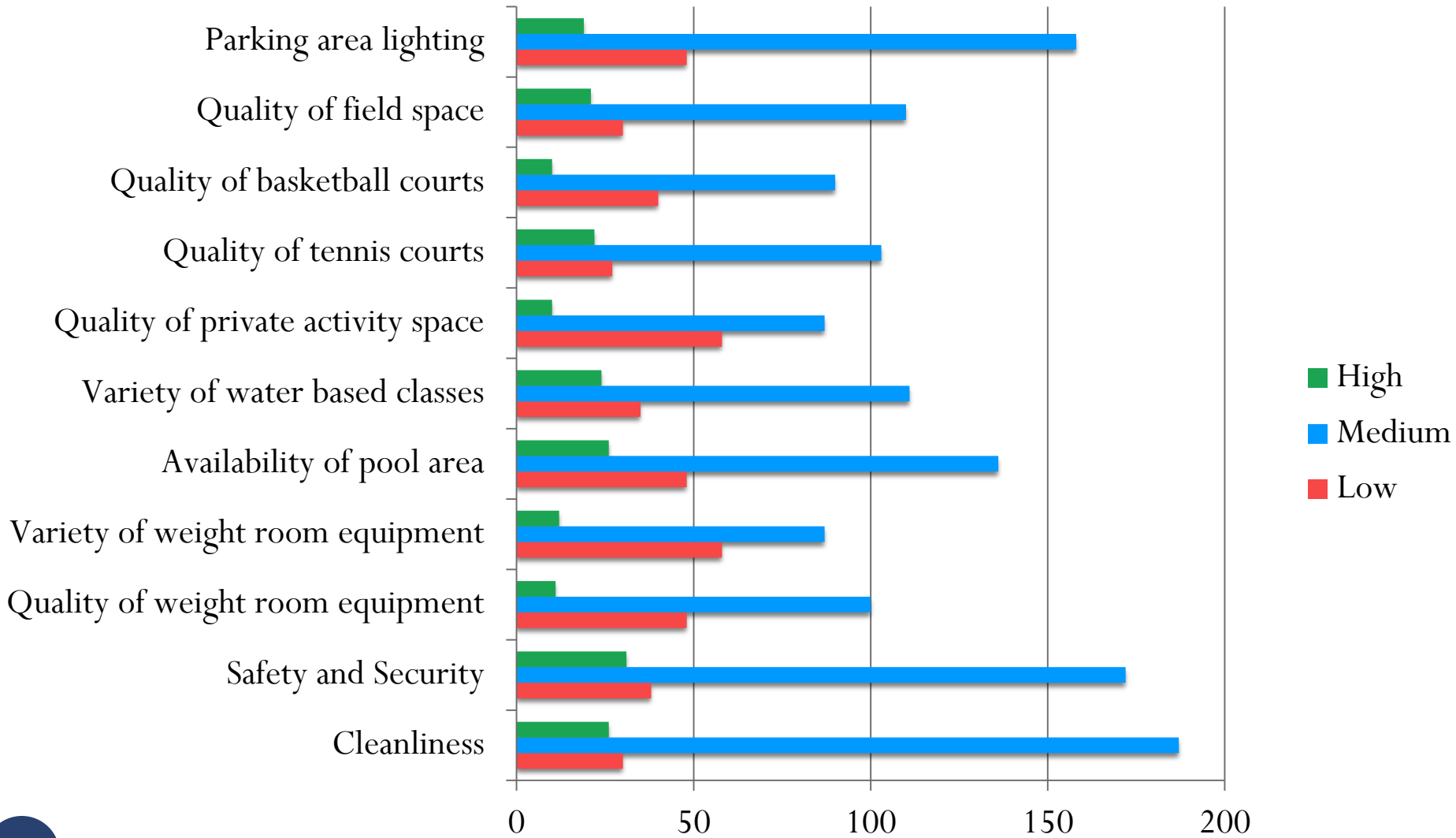
# Parks, Recreation and Community Programs Continued

**Improvements to public parks that participants would like to see to local**



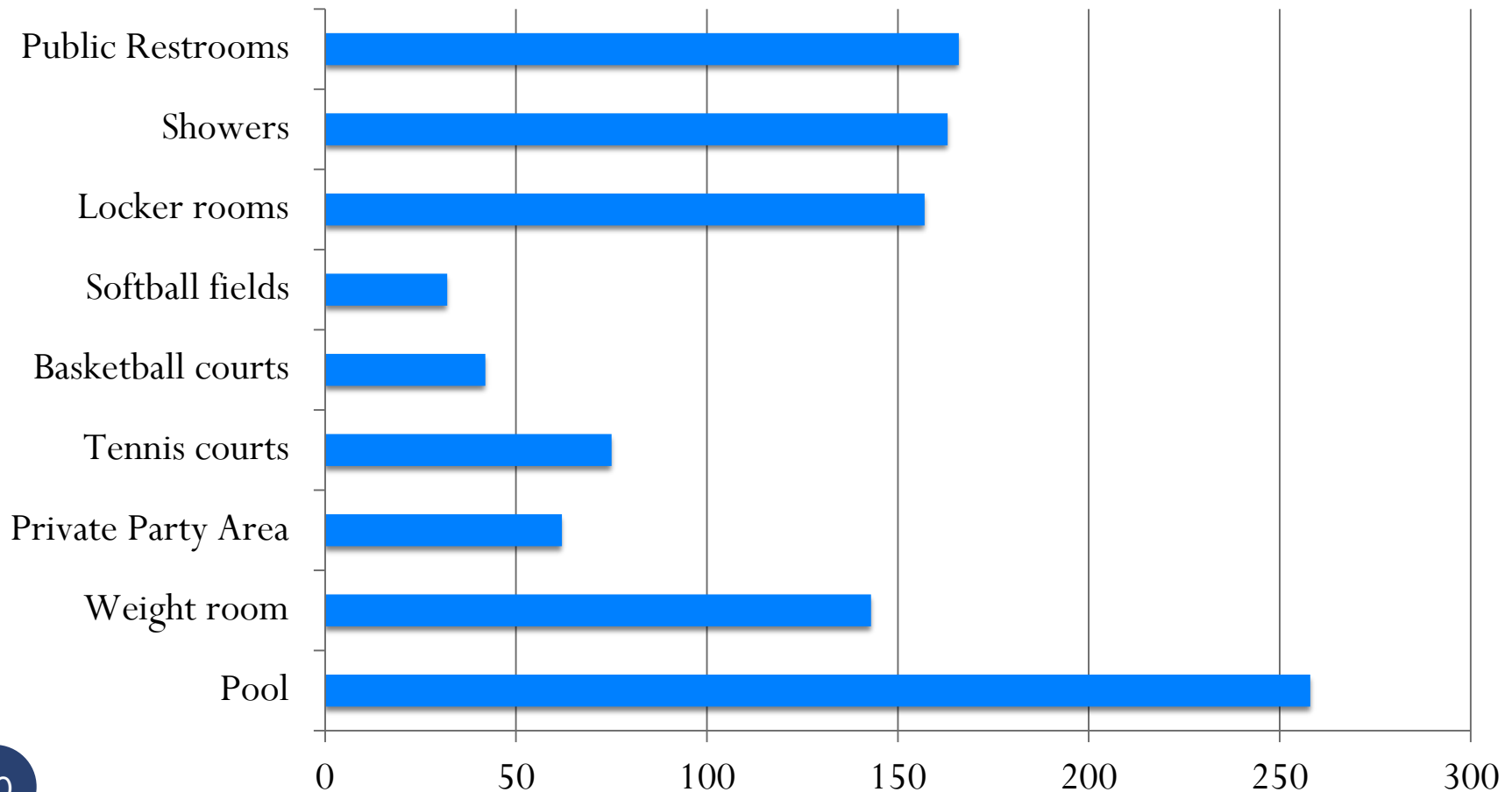


# 25.5% of participants explained how the Rec Center meets their needs

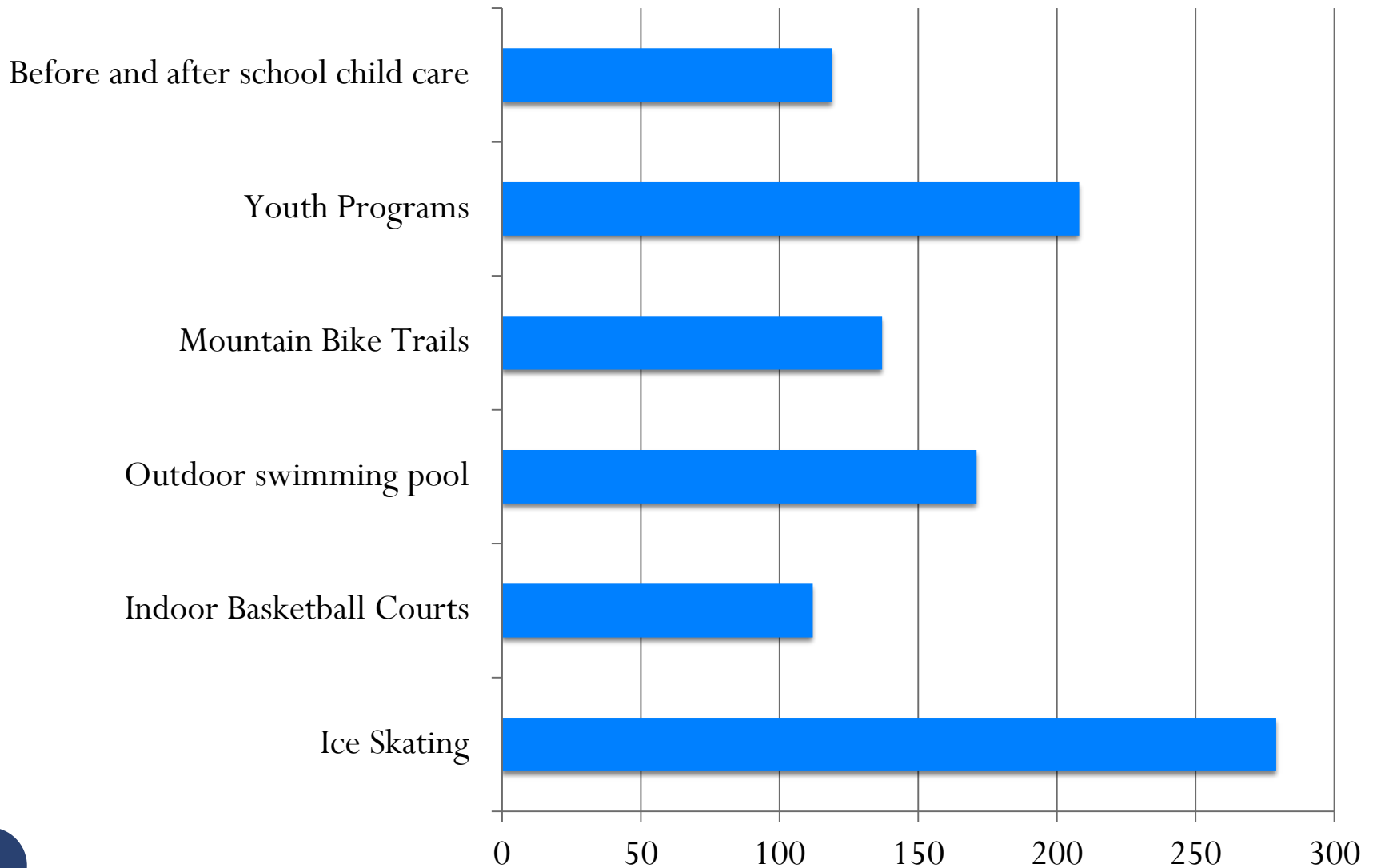


# Bennington Rec Center Continued

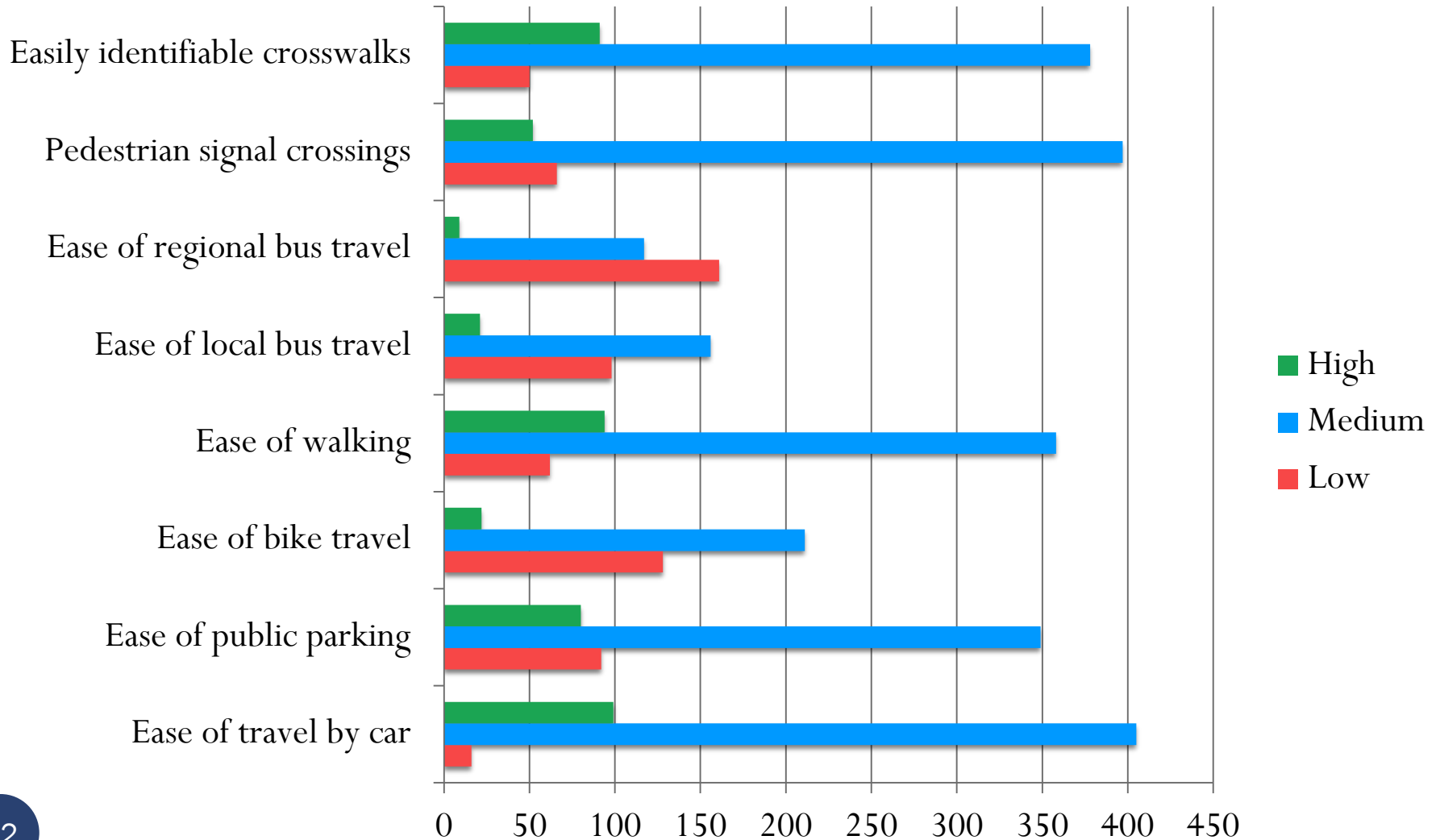
**Which aspects of the Rec Center people use, or would use, if they were available**



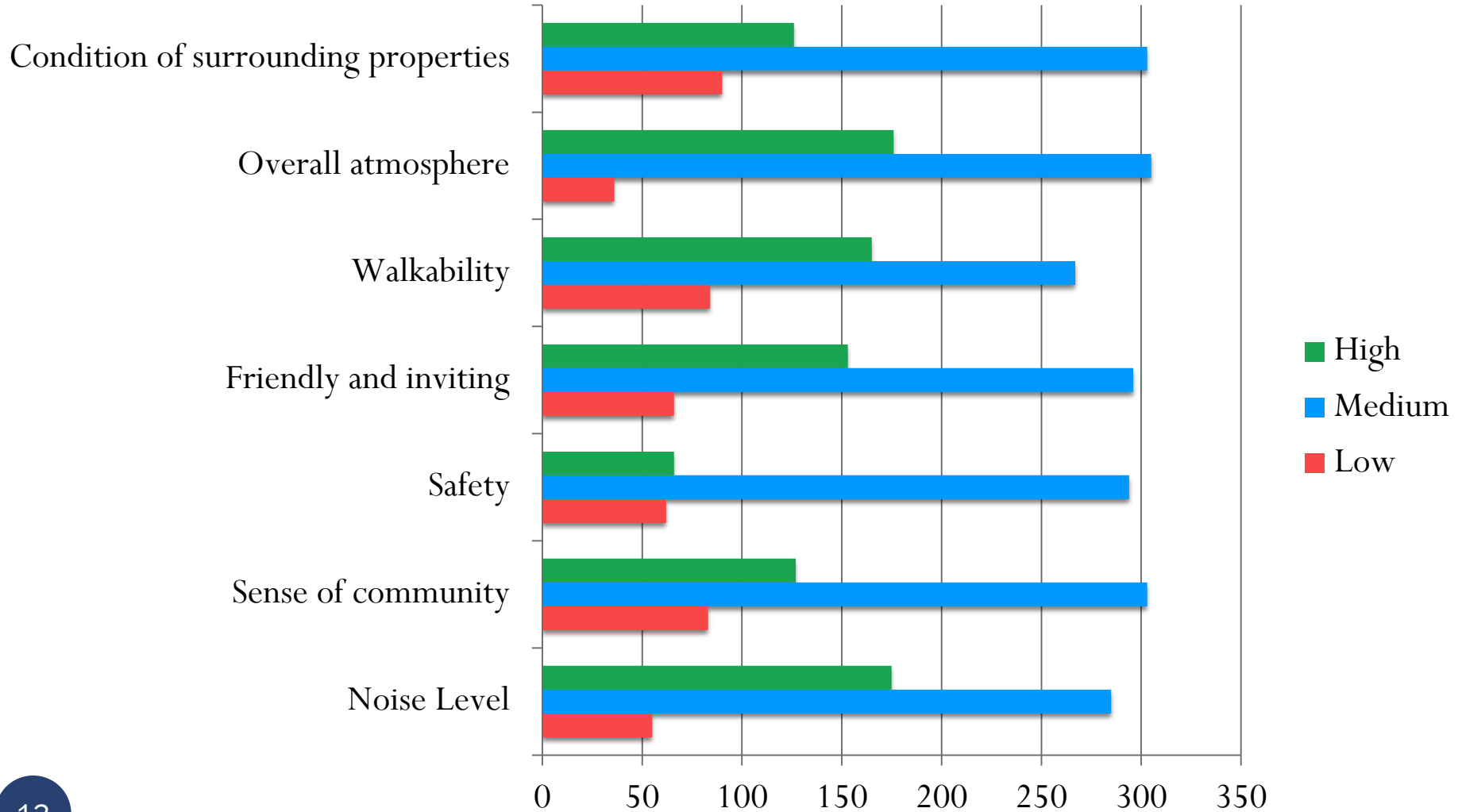
## Additional recreation opportunities people would like to have available



# Travel

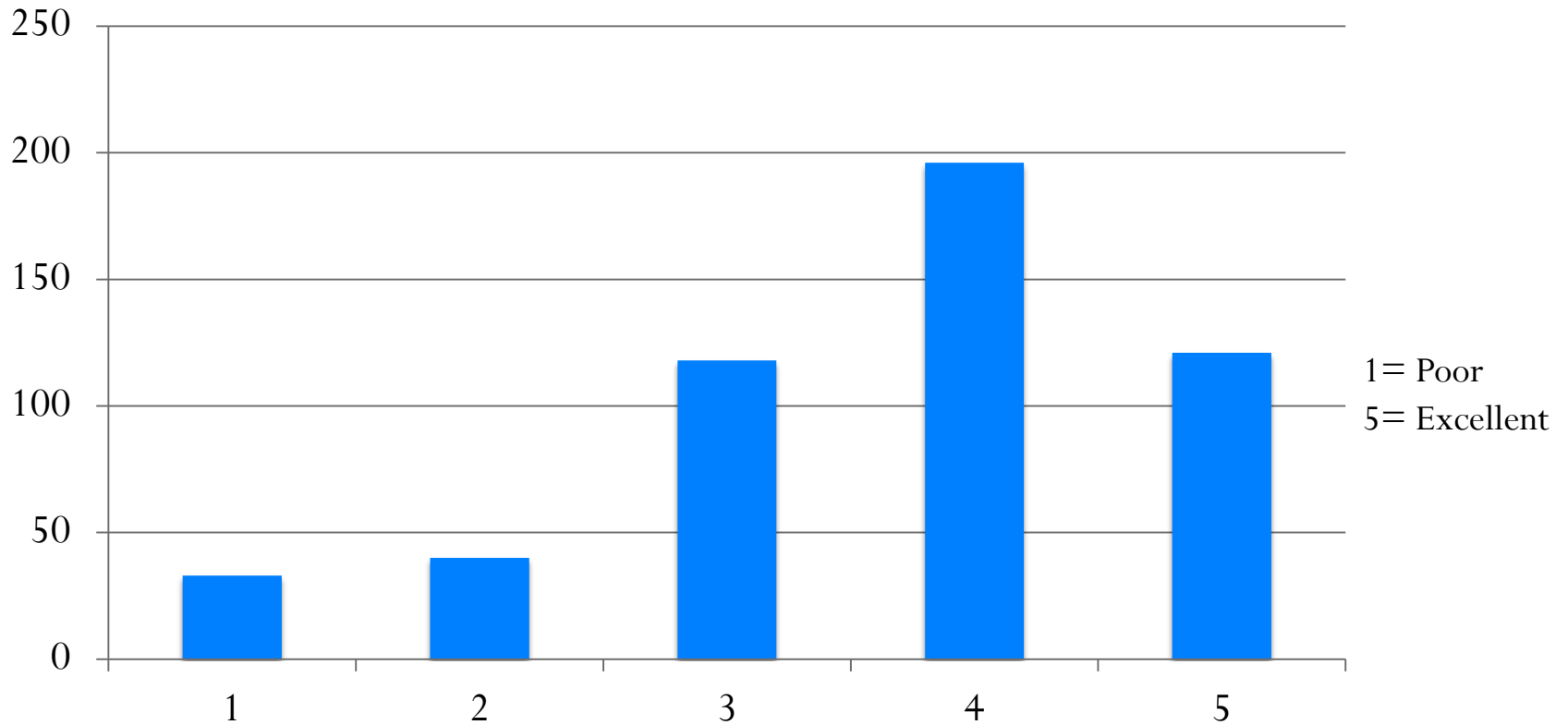


# Your Neighborhood

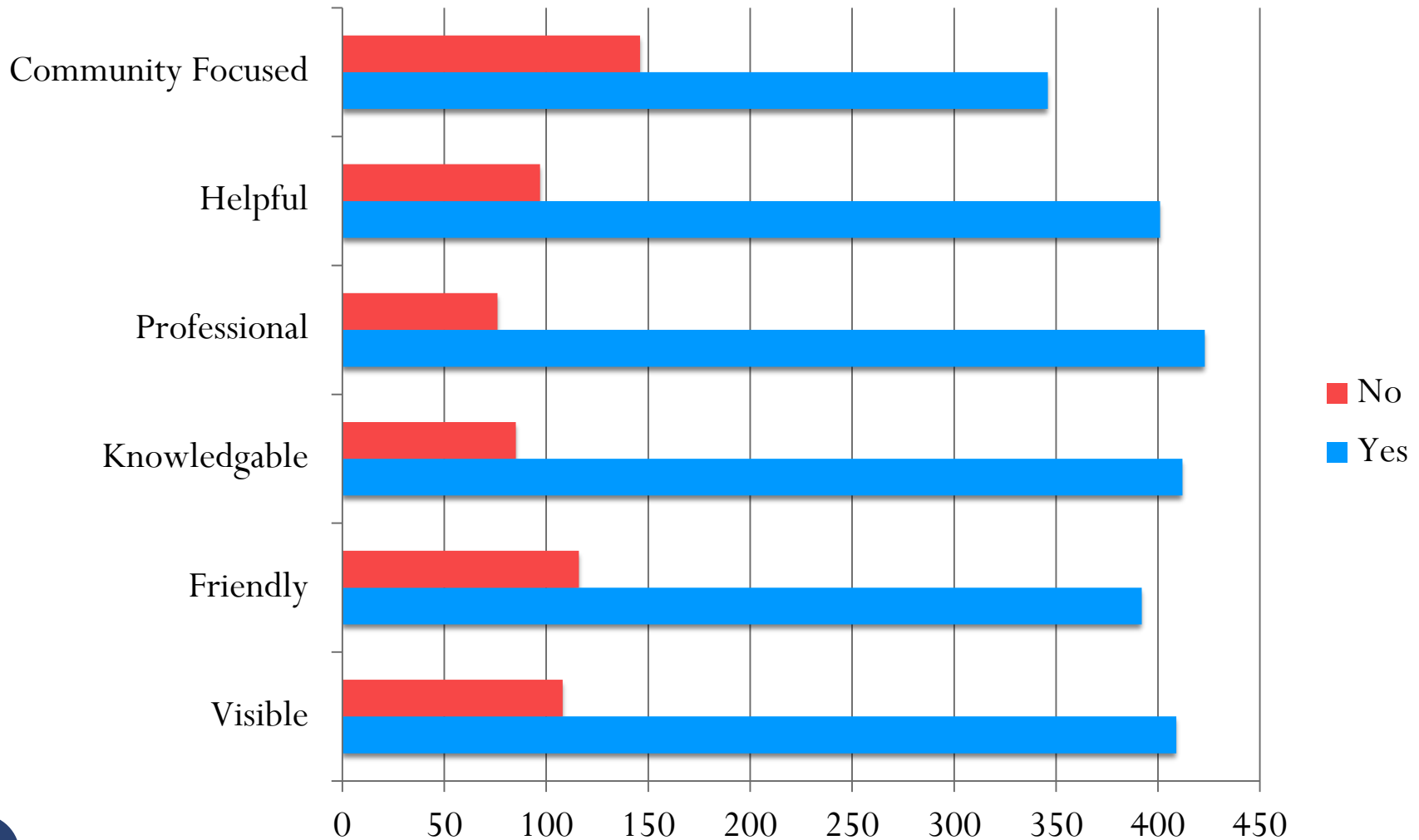


# Safety and Policing

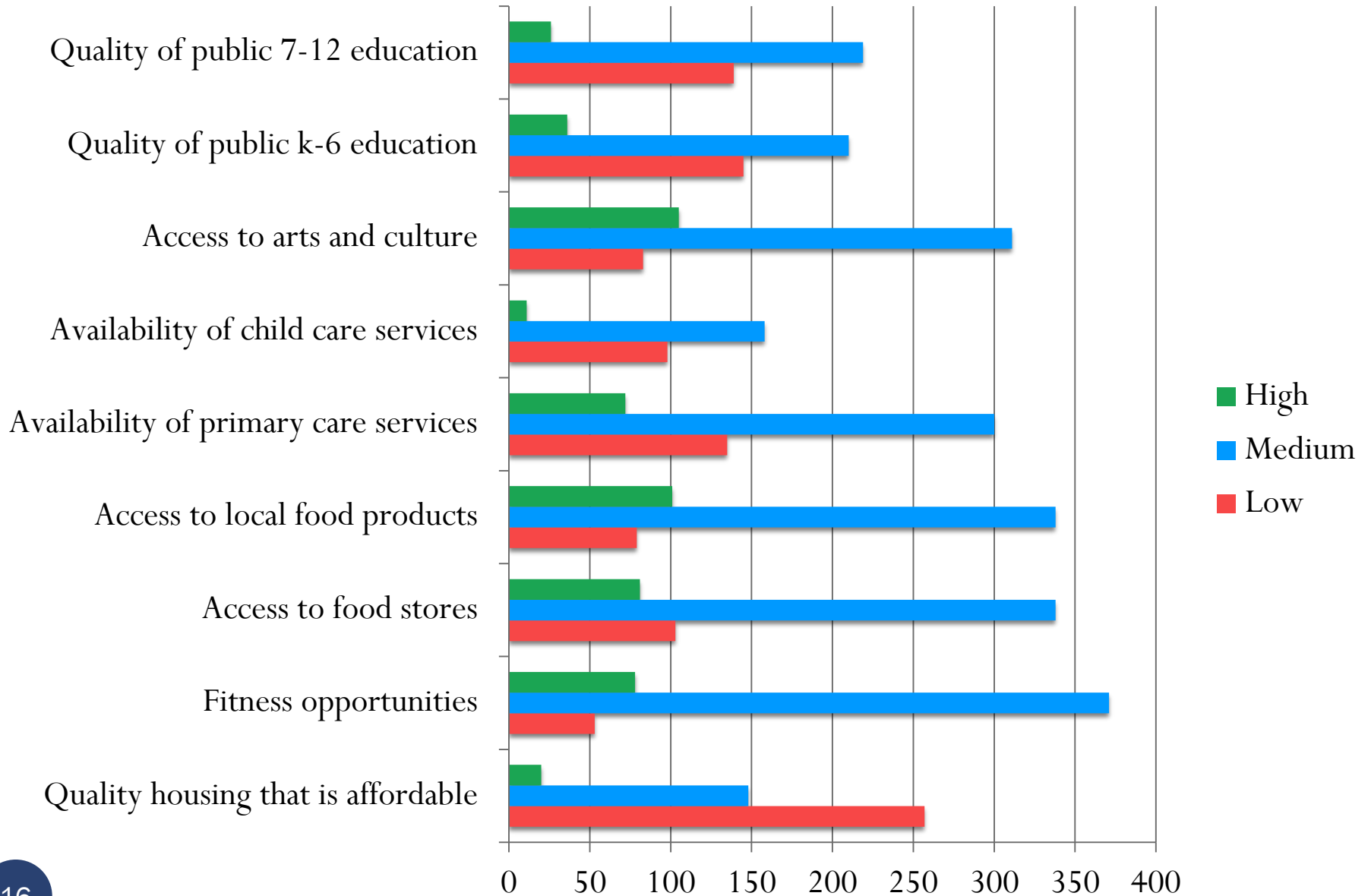
## Rating of Overall Quality of Bennington's Police Force



# When participants think of the BPD, they think they are....

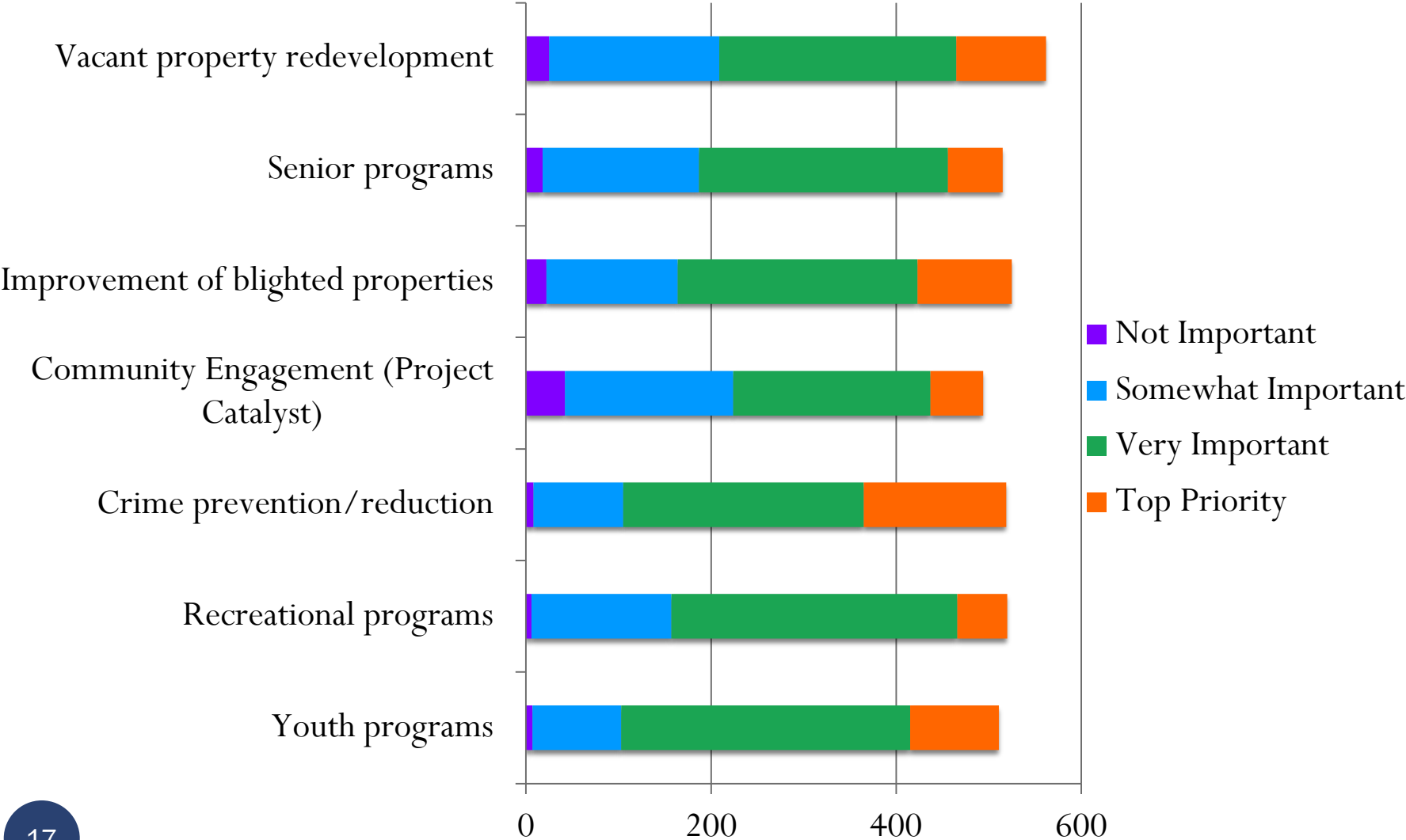


# Lifestyle

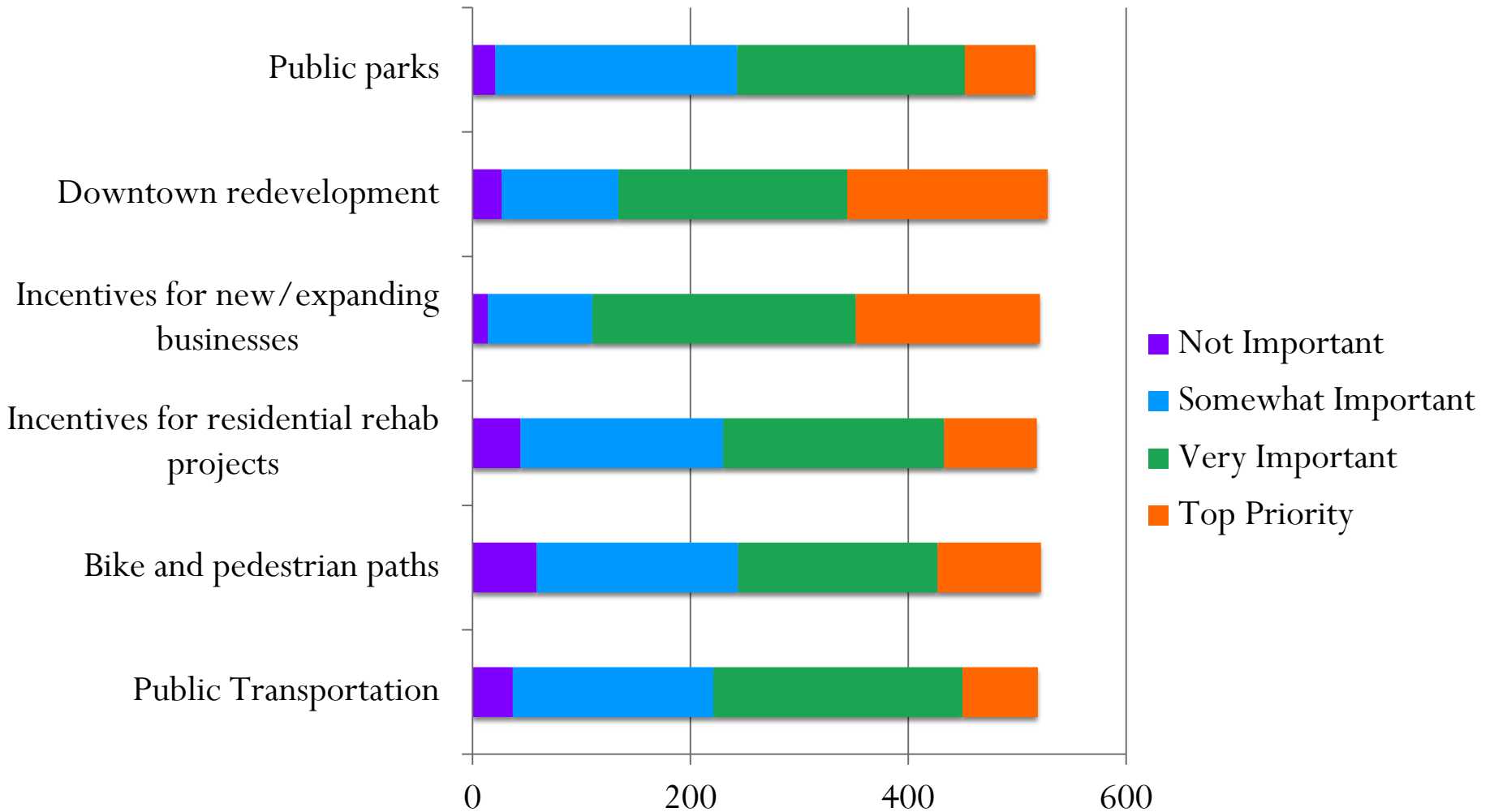




# Things participants would like to see the Town invest in

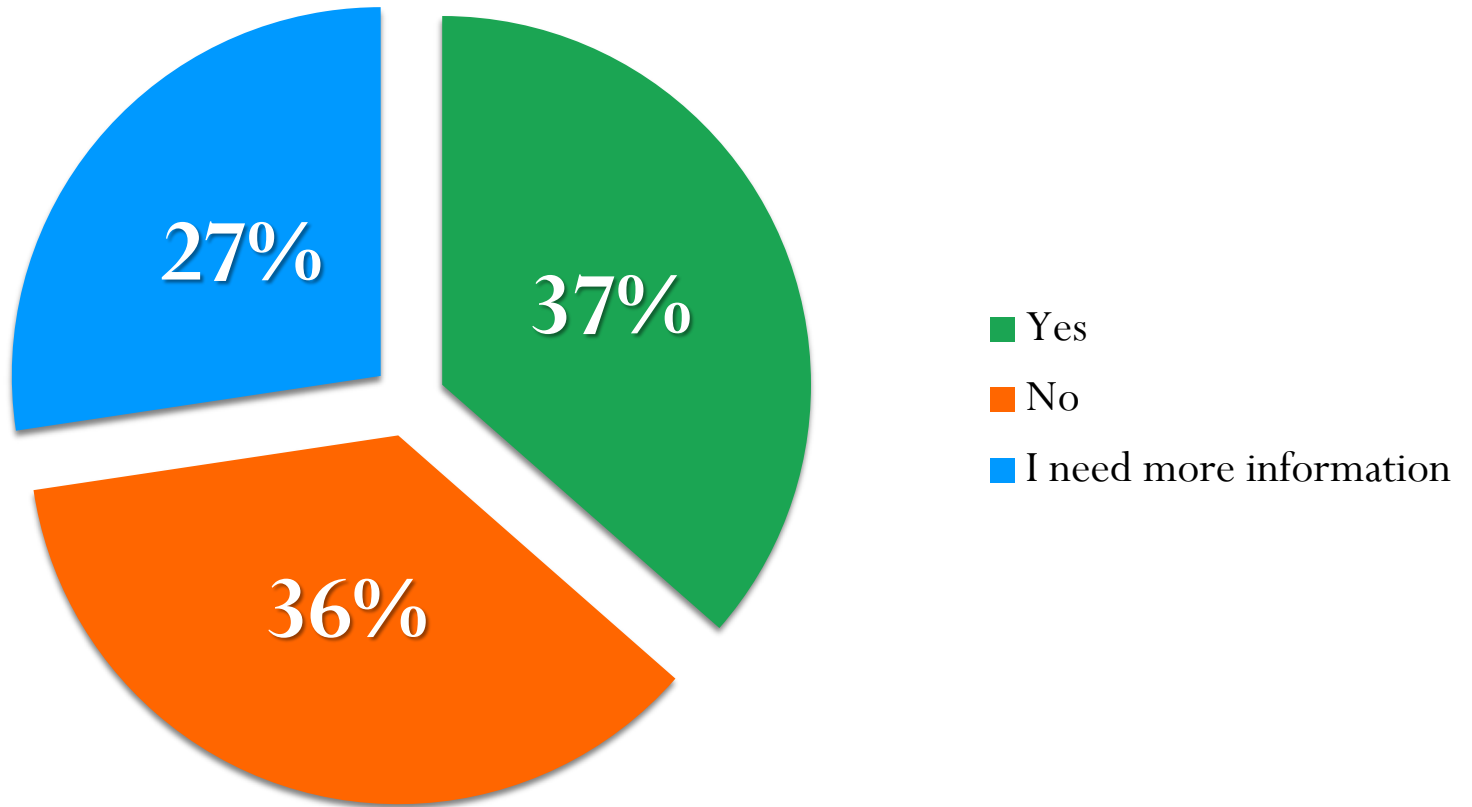


## Aspects participants would like to see the Town invest in

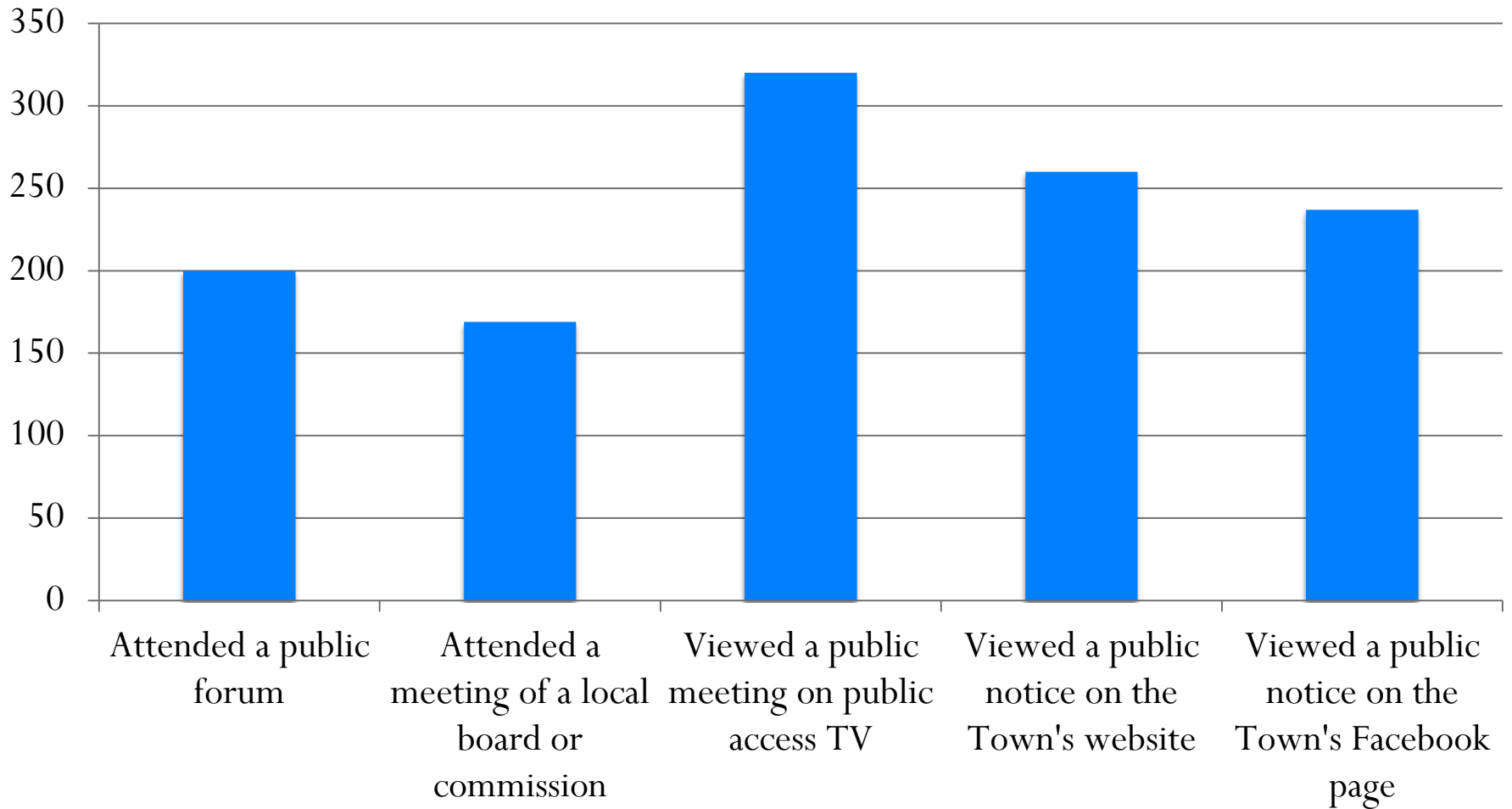


# Government

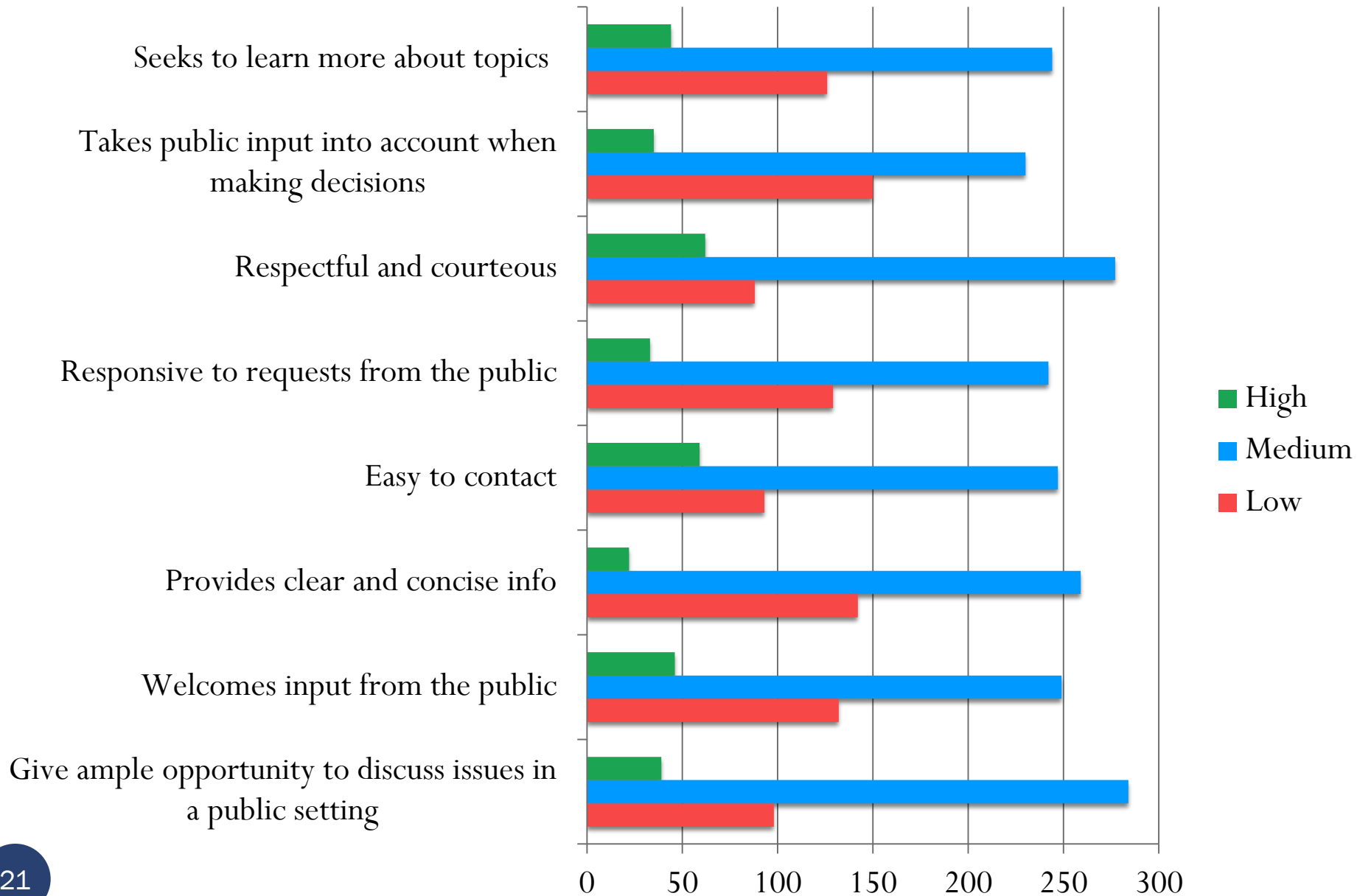
**“Are You Satisfied with Town Governance”**



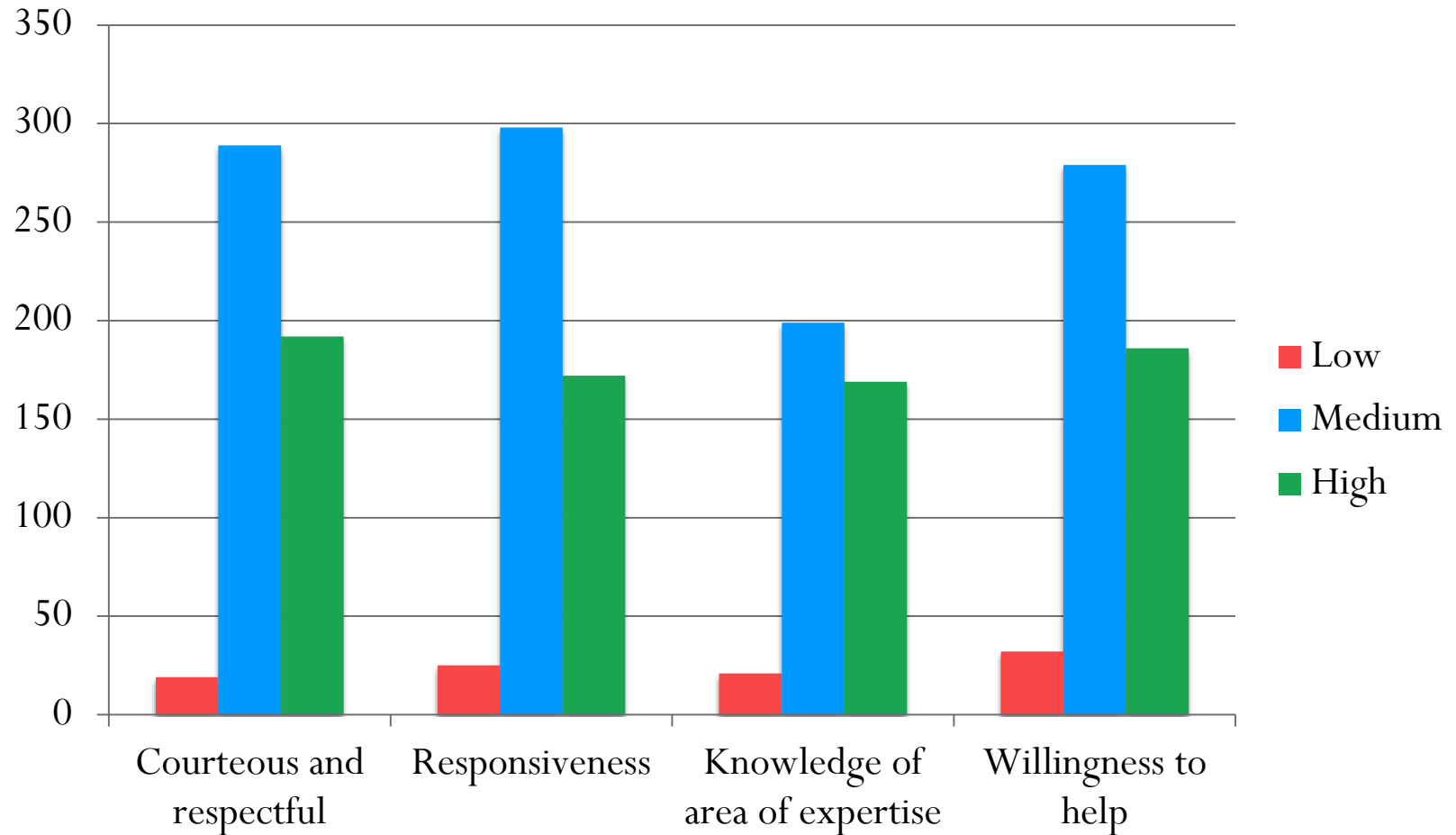
## Participants that have participated in Town governance opportunities in the last 6 months



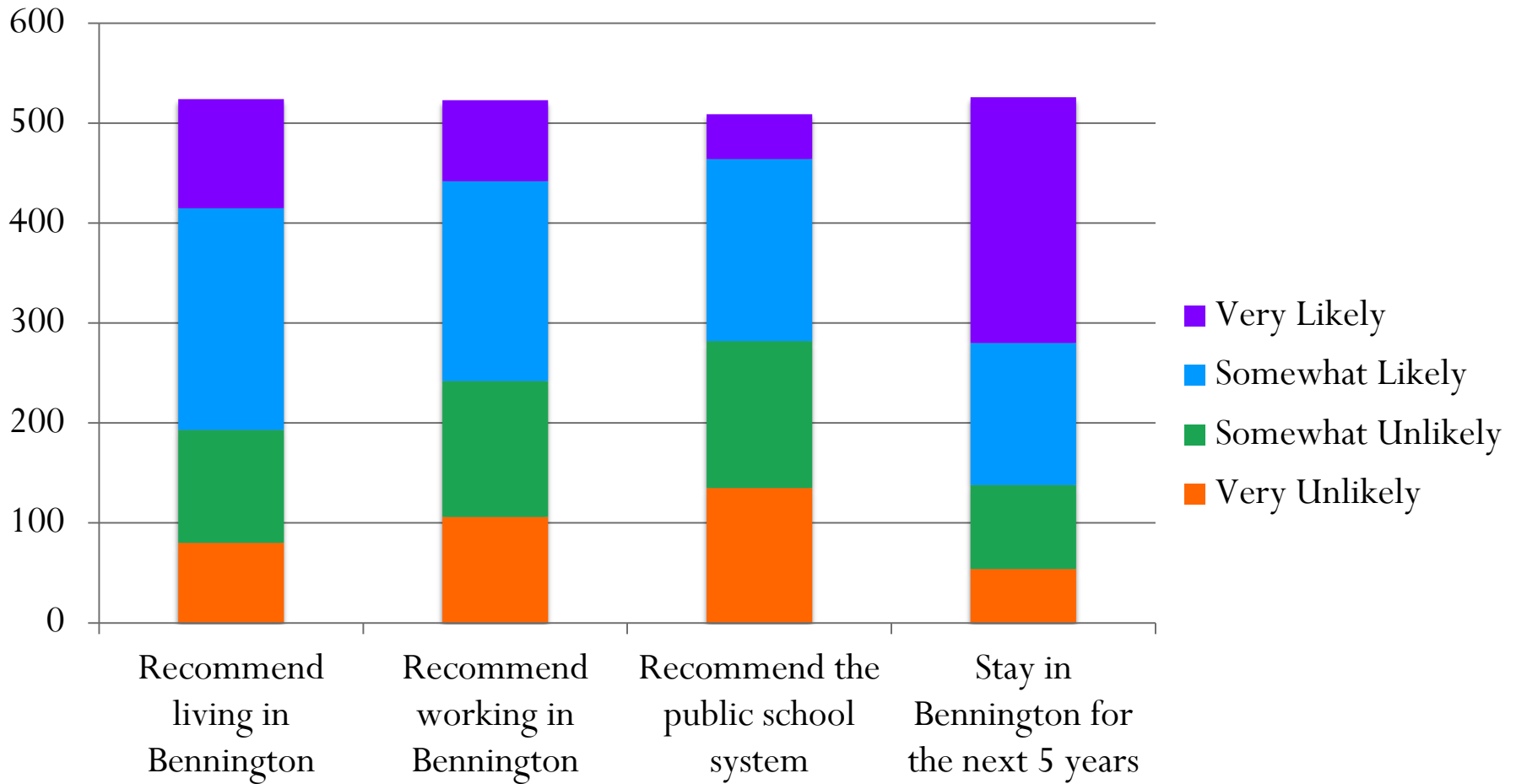
## Performance of the Select Board



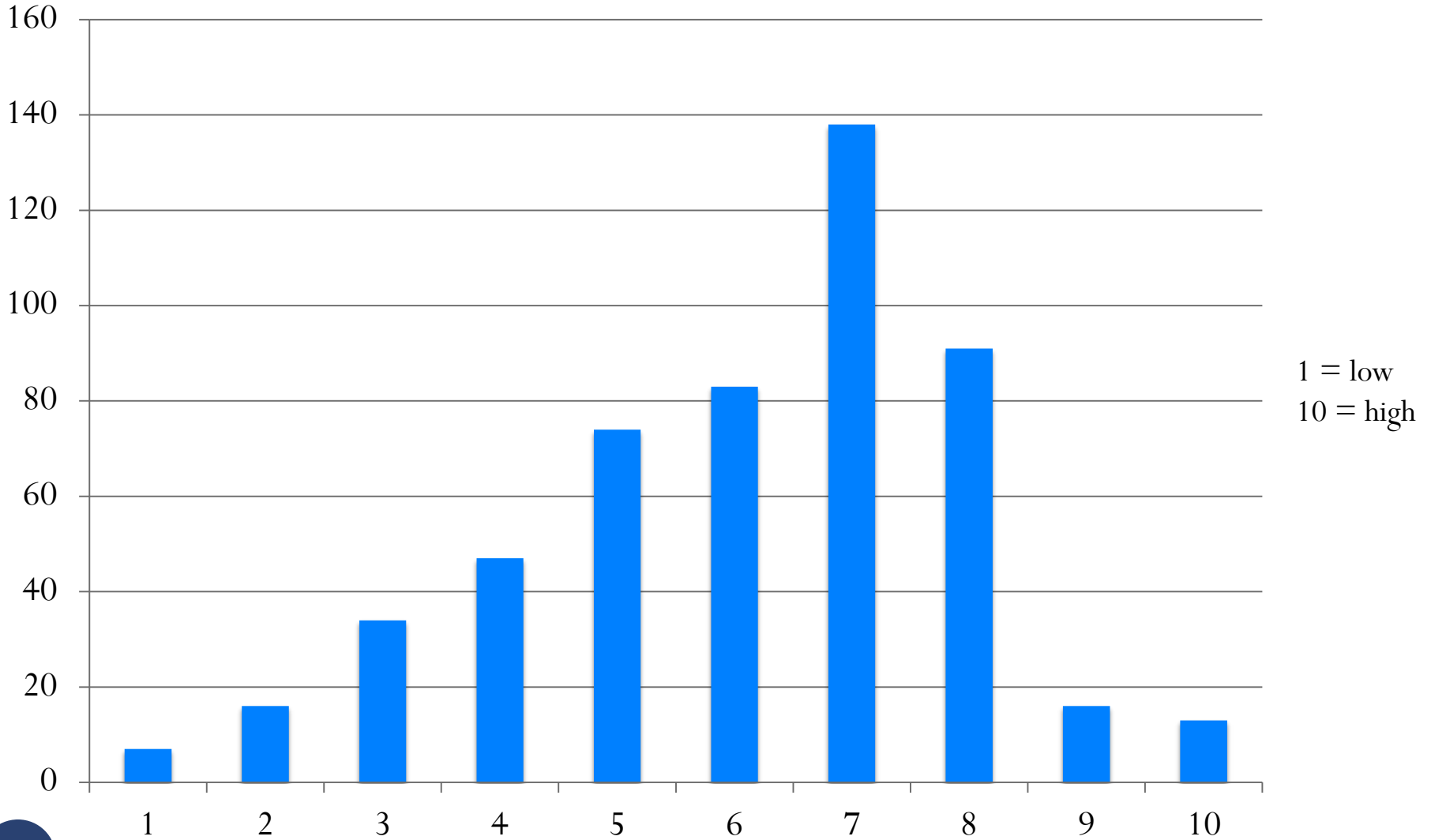
# Town of Bennington Offices and Staff



# Likelihood of participants to...



## Rating Bennington as a Whole





If there was a \$.01 tax increase, how would participants like to see that money spent

- **Downtown (45)**
- **Education/schools (32)**
- **Business/job recruitment (32)**
- **Youth activities/programs (27)**

# #1 thing preventing people from owning a home in Bennington is...

- **Cost (82)**
- **Lack of jobs (81)**
- **High taxes (52)**

# Top Themes

- **Business Growth and Well-paying Jobs**
- **Improving Downtown Vitality**
- **Increase Opportunities for Youth**

